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GENERAL PRIESTHOOD MEETING

The general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7 o'clock p. m. JOSEPH F. SMITH,

JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### AN UNNECESSARY EVIL.

It has been claimed that saloons are necessary evils; that alcoholic liquors will always be consumed, even in spite of prohibitory legislation; and that what cannot be cured must be endured, and, as far as possible

This is good philosophy, but it is not strictly applicable to the saloon itself, however much it may seem to apply to the mere consumption of intoxicants as beverages, as stimulants, or as medicines.

The bad saloon is an unnecessary evil. On any theory, its existence need not be tolerated if the community really desires its abotition.

A resolution passed at the Conference last Sunday reads as follows: "Believing in the word and teachings of President Joseph F. Smith, as set forth this morning, on the subject of temperance, it is proposed that all the officers and members of the Church of Latter-day Saints will do all in their power that can proposed do alk in their power that can properly be done with law makers generally, to have such laws enacted by our legislature soon to be elected as may be necessary to close saloons and otherwise decrease the sale of liquor and to enact the Sunday law."

This resolution, we understand, has been criticized as being an attempt by the Church to interfere with legis-No such interference is threatened. The resolution places the Latter-day Saints on record as favoring practical temperance laws, and suggests that the officers and members individually as citizens of the State do whatever they can, PROPERLY, to promote such legislation. That this stand in favor of closing up the saloons is demanded by present conditions and fully justified, the following quotation from a recent number of Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular, published in New York, bears eloquent testimony:

"The saloon has discredited personal liberty and has made it a term of reproach rather than something to con-In the name of personal liberty saloons have been run-in vio-lation of law and decency until it looks now as if they are doomed to extinc-tion, except in our larger cities. We do not mean that all saloons, or the ma-jority of saloons, have been conducted in a disreputable manner, but we do mean that a sufficient percentage of such places have been badly conducted— that is, have been disorderly, have sold to intoxicated men, have sold to women and to minors, have conducted gambling adjuncts, have kept open after legal hours and on Sundays, etc., to create a hostile sentiment that has crystalized into a war of exterminacrystalized into a war of extermina-tion, and save in the larger places the saloon as a factor in society would seem to be doomed. We realize that this is a bad admission, but the facts

cry of personal liberty will not save it, then let it go and let the people de-cide how they want alcoholic beverages retailed in the localities in which they

And the Knoxville Sentinel remarks that there is nothing else "so bad as the American saloon anywhere else in the world, and the movement to get rid of it will go on."

### THE CAMBRIAN SOCIETY.

The Eisteddfod which was held in this City last week was, perhaps, one of the greatest musical events in local history. Few realize the amount of preliminary work necessary to the success of such a gathering. The Cambrian Asosciation commenced preparations a year ago, and to the untiring, unselfish efforts of its members no less than to the interest manifested by the many talented singers and musicians of the West, credit must be given for

the success achieved. The Cambrian Association was formed fourteen years ago, with fourteen members. The following officers and directors were elected at that time: Ex-Governor Arthur L. Thomas, president: D. L. Davis, vice president; Elias Morris, treasurer; H. F. Evans, secretaryy; John James, corresponding secretary; George G. Bywater, Senator W. N. Williams, Walter J. Lewis and T. F. Thomas, directors. During these fourteen years no change in the organization has taken place except those caused by death. The same officers and directors still have charge of the affairs of the Association, except that Elias Morris and George G. Bywater have passed away, and their places in the Society are now occupied by their sons. This, we believe, is something unique. It proves the perfect harmony

and unity among its members. The influence of this Society for good is invaluable. Through the contests it has arranged in the fields of literature and music it has contributed largely to the educational work of this region. And how much more ennobling and elevating are contests in these fields, than the brutal competitions in which limbs, and sometimes lives, are lost! The signal success achieved by the Cambrian society is gratifying from every point of view. It could not have been, had the members been divided

into factions each striving for offices. It has given a lesson exemplifying the power of united, unselfish effort, that should not be lost. May the Society live long, a blessing to the community.

### THE DEVIL.

As announced in the dramatic columns of the "News" on Saturday a play entitled "The Devil," which caused quite a sensation in New York, will be presented this week at the Grand. There was a time when the title would have been enough to drive an audience away from a theater. Now it fills large playhouses. People, it seems, are no longer afraid of Lucifer. There are those who raise monuments to him. and even worship him. Someone has

"He is not ugly, and is not lame, But really a handsome and charming man. A man in the prime of life is the devil, A diplomatist, too, well skilled in debate, He talks right glibly of church and and state."

This is the very opposite of the picture once drawn of that character. In New York, there are two rival representations of his satanic majesty on the stage. At the Garden, at the psychological moment, he jumps out of a big chair whose back has been turned to the audience. "He is," says the Critic in Collier's Weekly, "so good-humored and he takes such an obvious Punch-like delight in his villainy that one is perforce disarmed." At the Belasco he appears insinuatingly and uncannily, like a snake in the grass. He is an intellectual devil, who penetrates and grips the mind and induces doubt and skepticism and disillusionment as well as merely beguiling the external eve. "Both gentlemen wear frock coats and look like

ordinary men of the world, but each

According to the Scriptures the

is a devil just the same.'

character referred to was a leader among angels "which kept not their first estate," but apostatized. Undoubtedly he led the apostasy against Jehovah, inspired by pride and unlawful ambition. Now he is represented as the enemy of man. Apostasy always engenders enmity. He beguiled our first parents. He moved David to number the people, which brought death and destruction to thousands. He tempted our Lord. He inspired Judas to betray the Master. He instigated Ananias and Sapphira to lie, and he is said to be the spirit "that now worketh in the children of disobedience," and, according to the Rev elation, XII: 9, he "deceiveth the whole world." In the Scriptures he is also said to cause physical sickness. His influence for evil is represented as very potent, but not permanent. Evil agents are under divine control, and out of evil good will come, God will make the wrath of devils as well as

of men to praise Him. As to the appearance, it may be remarked that the word devil is the equivalent of a Hebrew word which means "hairy," and, therefore, a goat, or a satyr, but this has reference to moral qualities rather than form. It gave, however, some of the ancients their idea of his personal appearance, Satan means one who lies in wait, who opposes, one who is an adversary, especially of God and the cause of truth. Other names by which the fallen angel is distinguished, are, the angel of the bottomless pit, the prince of this world, the prince of the power of the air, the god of this world, Apollyon, idon, Belial, and Beelzebub.

### POLITICAL AWAKENING.

American political life, which has been relatively quiescent, though by no means inert, for a decade, now shows the signs of activity and unrest. For example, Connecticut is regarded

as a State that has adapted itself to the control of the boss and his machine. Though the State has eighteen cities that contain two-thirds of the entire population, yet these cities send to a political State convention only one-fifth of the delegates. The rural townships, which hold local caucuses that are easily controlled by manipulators, and though containing but a fraction of the population, send to the convention a majority of the delegates, and thus control the nomination of State officers. Moreover, a caucus registration law passed a few years ago has still further limited the number of party voters entitled to vote at the primaries, and has given those voters to a very large degree the character of adherents of the local party leader or leaders. Finally, by custom, members of the legislature have a kind of pre-emptive claim to the caucus election to the next State

convention. Of course, we cannot vouch for the correctness of the foregoing statements As far as they are true they reveal a condition of political life that results from the apathy of voters and party men in failing to resist with vigor the rule of the political dictators. In this City, we have a city government ruled by the party bosses of an aggregation whose sole aim is to wage a warfare upon the members of a body

of religious worshipers. At the present time, Connecticut all its synonyms in the lexicon of midshows strong indications of a determination on the part of the people to rid themselves of bosses and bossism. We wonder how long it will take some people in this City to come to the same state of mind. We have marveled at the patience of the Salt Lake voting public: but we trust that political degeneracy will not set in and become permanent.

### INDIAN WOMEN.

The remarkable advancement of the Indians in Indian Territory is vividly depicted by a contributor to the October number of Harper's Bazar. He

"In Indian territory dwell the Indians that are known as the Five Civilized Tribes—the Cherokees, Choctwas, Chickasaws, Seminoles and Creeks—and of all the American Indians these tribes are the most advanced in civilization, the most progressive, and have reached a higher state of development than any others of the red race. It is here one finds Indians who are orators, statesmen, men of great weath and business ability, and men successful in all the professions. And it is among these tribes one finds modern Mistress Lo—the most refined type of Interest in the successful in all the professions. tress Lo-the most refined type of Indian womanhood. She is quite a hundred years removed from savagery, and although education, intermarriage with the white races, and all the processes of her interesting evolution have tended to obliterate Indian customs and many of the Indian characteristics, making modern Mistress Lo to all intents and purposes a white woman, she is yet an Indian, and proudly traces her ancestry to Indian chiefs and warriors. Even those possessing only a fractional part of Indian blood will tell you, I am an Indian with as much conviction as if they were full-bloods. It is, therefore, somewhat of a surprise, to those who hold the general opinion of the Indian woman, to come among her people as they exist taking amount the dian womanhood. She is quite a hunhold the general opinion of the Indian woman, to come among her people as they exist today among the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian territory. Instead of finding Mistress Lo in front of her wigwam, stolidly pounding corn, with, perhaps, her brown papoose strapped to a board beside her—for thus many picture her—one sees her as civilization has transformed her; a handsome, correctly gowned American woman, compartransformed her; a handsome, correctly gowned American woman, comparing favorably with her white sisters. She presides over a "wigwam" built after the latest styles of architecture and furnished tastefully, comfortably—often elegantly; she is easily the leader of social affairs in all the towns of Indian territory, and carries herself with the grace and assurance of any other refined and cultured American woman. American woman.

American woman.

"We find among the Indian women of the territory graduates from many of the best educational institutions of the South and East.

of the South and East.

"Mistress Lo plays an active part in the life of her people. In the territory one meets Indian women who are musicians, artists, writers and teachers; those who are achieving success in professional pursuits and in the business world. It would be a difficult task, indeed, to point out all the brilliant women of the territory who boast Indian blood. As a club woman Mistress Lo is quite prominent today. In every town there are literary, musical and social clubs, and among the most enthusiastic workers are Indian women." Indian women."

### A PREDICTION VERIFIED.

editorial headed, 'The Bark of Another Hound," spoke of a paper which had contained something favorable to "Mormon honesty and industry. It said this of the editor of the Council Bluffs Globe:

"The miscreant should have his ears cropped, for nothing but physical pain touches a brute of his kind; only a personal disfigurement would awaken any sentiment of shame in a soul so mercenary and false as his. . . This hound of the Globe says the property owners are Mormons. We tell him hound of the Globe says the property owners are Mormons. We tell him that they do not own half the property. . . While through the years they have been getting rich from Gentile gold, the Saints have been as exclusive as so many Chinese. They never give a Gentile employment, no matter how competent he may be, or how much they need competent work. This endowment slave of the Globe . . predicts further that the youth of Salt Lake will now be made familiar for the first time with places of doubtful morals."

doubtful morals.

This last statement of the Globe made the Tribune furious. Is not this prediction of the Couneil Bluffs Globe in 1890, being abundantly verified in this City? The flimsy nature of the "American" party pretense of opposition to the infamous 'red light district," and its official setting up in one part of this city, is only another verification of a well known tendency of the anti-"Mormon" ring who mislead others into supporting their schemes that look to the in-

Public office is a public prize,

jury of the community.

rible.

Jupiter Pluvius is a Conference vis-

A speakers' bureau should have many

You can't have a clean campaign and mud-slinging at the same time.

In the present campaign Willie Hearst has proven to be the enfant ter-

When doctors disagree the patient dies. The doctors have disagreed on tuberculosis.

A distinguished physician has discovered a new method of resuscitating drowned persons.

None of the candidates this year are having their portraits done in oil, not if they can help it.

Did Mr. Taft in his Kansas tour have with him "A Tour of the Prairies" to relieve the strenuousness of the trin?

"Alexander and Caesar had no socks," declares Speaker Cannon. Nor did they wear neckties or swallow-tail coats. All the world's a stage but just at

present that portion of it known as the United States of America is a platform.

In these twenty-four hours automobile contests the race is neither to the swift nor to the strong, but to the lucky.

A Frenchman claims to have made

the discovery that sweet potatoes make an ideal brain food. The claim seems fishy. In the lexicon of youth there is no

such word as fail but it is found with

No shore leave by Admira! Sperry's leave which will leave a bad impres-

sion of Manila with the men of the

battleship fleet.

What between speeches, letters, statements, assertions and refutations, the voice of the phonograph orator has not been able to make itself heard.

The irrigation congress passed a resolution in favor of taking a census of the standing timber in the country. Is it the intention to pole the timber vote?

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has gone into a carpet mill to learn the carpet making business. In his time he must have seen many a man brought up on

It is asserted that Judge Taft once wrote poetry. So did Judson Harmon, now running for governor of Ohio. It simply shows that the Buckeyes are of a literary turn.

Nat Goodwin has not only secured a divorce from his wife, Maxine Elliott,

but he has gone further, and commit ted, in a woman's eyes, the unpardonable sin. He has told her age.

### LOVE A DISEASE.

Washington Herald. And there is another scientist, Prof. Bertillon, of France, who has made the dire discovery that love is a disease. After careful experiments, he has come to the scientific conclusion that a come to the scientific conclusion that a man very much in love is not responsible for his acts. Tests made show, he declares, that the left side of a man in love is, in a way, paralyzed, and that this effects his physical condition, and by and by his mental condition, so that he becomes a different man. What relation there is if any, between this necessity in the left side of this peculiar change in the left side of a man in love and the missing rib of man, from which the first woman was created, according to Genesis, the pro-fessor does not venture to state. His lessor does not venture to state. His only inference is that a man in love is a dangerous, abnormal creature, hardly to be dealt with rationally, and that it would be wisest for the human race if men would not fall in love. This is the same professor, if we mistake not, who invented a system for measuring criminals. Now he wants to measuring criminals. Now he wants to give us a formula for finding out whether a man is in love. We doubt very much whether his scheme will

### PRAYED FOR RAIN, GOT DELUGE

Philadelphia North American. Philadelphia North American.

Piety, however, is not always sufficiently careful of the weather guage.

Beseechments for "the gentle rain from heaven may be followed by tornadoes, water spouts and earthquakes. And as with the earth, so with that earthly thing called politics. People were wishing for a little variety in the deadly monotony of the mational campaign. ly monotony of the national campaign They are gasping for breath in the sweep of a story that has crashed aside from their pedestals and has left a wreckage filled with shattered repu-

### WHY CHINA HAS FEW TREES.

Outing. Frank N. Meyer, the scientific explor-er for the government, in his recent penetration of China saw farms that had been under irrigation since before had been under irrigation since before Columbus discovered America. To the credit of the papan priest be it said, all forms of plant and tree growth were cherished and encouraged around the temples. The priests gave Meyer what information they could. The extent to which forest devastation has gone in China can be inferred from the fact that the Chinase have gooted and fact that the Chinese have rooted and grubbed out every vestige of tree growth the size of your finger above

### JUST FOR FUN.

the graves of their revered ancestors,

Spread of the Doctrine. .

"Dinguss, are you ever going to pay me what you owe me?"
"You'll get it some day, Shadbolt. "You'll get it some day, Shaubon. We're going to organize a political party with a platform demanding that the government shall insure the payment of all private debts."—Chicago Tribune.

Excused.

The Teacher-And why didn't you come to school yesterday?

The Pupil—Please, ma'am, me muvver didn't know school commenced yestiddy, and she borrered Mrs. Green's almanic an' it wuz a last year's one.

The Teacher—And didn't your father know the day that the schools opened?

The Pupil—No, ma'am; he doesn't know nuffin 'about days.
The Teacher—How is that?
The Pupil—He works, nights.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

It Was All Within.

A practical joker carried an onion in his pocket to the depot when bidding farewell to a young lady, and took a bite now and then to induce tears. Before the train departed he had eaten the entire onion. The young lady, per-ceiving the situation, remarked: "Ah, you have swallowed your griet!" Harper's Weekly.

### Ostriches,

Many stories are told of the foolishness of the estrich. Everybody has heard, for instance, how this bird will bury its head in the sand and conceive itself altogether hidden. There can be no reasonable doubt that the species goes to great lengths of folly. And yet, if the testimony of reliable naturalists may be taken, dark ostriches don't bleach themselves with peroxide of hydrogen in the hellef that register. of hydrogen in the bellef that society will thereupon deam them blondes. Nor do they resort to rais, expecting to create the impression that their feathers fluff naturally.—Puck.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

An important article in the October Woman's Home Companion is entitled "Seeking Shelter in New York." "Five dollars in my purse, a few plain clothes in my bag, an ordinary school educa-tion behind me, and New York, with tion behind me, and New York, with its boundless opportunities, ahead of me," that is the beginning of the adventures in New York of Lucy Green. They are real adventures of a real girl, who tells her story to readers of the Companion. This issue is rich in fiction, having stories by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Harrison Rhodes, Octave Thanet, Nellie McClug, Margaret Sutton Briscoe, and especially good stories by Iriving Bacheller and Juliet Wilbor Thompkins. There is perhaps no more important question to the average American than the one of owning or renting a home. The results of the American than the one of owning or renting a home. The results of the most careful investigation and the experiences of thousands of Americans are given in a series of articles on this subject which begins in the October number. Of special interest are Kellogg Durland's intimate picture of the life of the Tsaritsa of Russia, and Dr. Woods Hutchinson's article, "Are Babies Moral?" the fashion department with the latest fall fashions is full of valuable suggestions.—Madison Square, New York. New York.

It is a vital problem with many parents—and should be with all of them—to secure the right kind of literature for their boys. It was for the purpose of meeting this definite need that there was begun at Detroit in 1899 the publishing of a periodical devoted to boys' interests. This was appropriately styled "The American Boy." "The American Boy" is edited with care. Its contributors rank among the nation's able authors; rank among the nation's able authors; their articles are helpful and uplifting. Every issue contains pictures by fam-ous artists, and regular departments are devoted to Photography, Collecting, Mechanics and Electricity, Sports and all "boy hobbies." "The American Boy" is issued every month by Sprague Publishing Company, Majestic

Gunter's Magazine for October contains the first story from "The Man in the Motor-mask," a new series by Fred Jackson. This tale is called "The Sandham Mystery," and tells of the clever solution of a baffling mystery "The Man in the Motor-mask," is mysterious person who works professionally, but unrecognized, among his timate friends. There are in all a half-score of well-selected stories depicting love and adventure in many climes, from H. Rider Haggard's great serial of South Africa to a short story telling of the abduction of the inmate of a harem in the Orient, Gunter's comprises 160 pages of illustrated fiction, including a department of humor. There are two serials and a complete novel in each issue.—79-89 Seventh Ave., New York. Gunter's Magazine for October con-Ave., New York.

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